

Radio Alert Week of April 27

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WATER ISSUES

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests has released three potential solutions to the environmental and water management problems of California's Bay Delta system. California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. Ultimately, California's trillion-dollar economy is at risk if a consensus solution to Bay-Delta problems is not reached.

COASTAL COMMUNITITES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- → How will California's environment be affected by proposed plans for the Bay-Delta system?
- → How will the proposed solutions affect the commercial fishing industry?
- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

A public hearing will be held Thursday, April 30, at the Pacific Cultural Center in Santa Cruz to hear from local residents. The following individual is available for interviews during the weeks prior to the hearing.

Pietro Parravano, Member, Bay-Delta Advisory Council, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman

To arrange an interview, please call Jill Esterbrooks at (619) 688-0054.

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California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service